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(54) **Rat obese gene, its gene product and its production**

(57) A polypeptide which has an amino acid sequence comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2; a recombinant DNA encoding the polypeptide; a vector comprising the recombinant DNA; a host cell transformed with the recombinant DNA; a method for producing the polypeptide, which comprises the steps of culturing the host cell in a culture medium, accumulating the polypeptide in the culture and recovering the same; and an antibody which reacts to a gene product coding for rat obese cDNA.

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